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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

DOI DECEMBER 1966 - JANUARY 1967

SUBJECT [REDACTED] REPORT ON SITUATION IN NORTH VIETNAM

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN POINTS OF A REPORT FROM THE
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POLITICAL REPORT FROM [REDACTED] IN HANOI COVERING
THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1966 AND JANUARY 1967:

A. SOME U.S. BOMBS LANDED ON THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN
HANOI IN DECEMBER. WHILE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE AMERICANS ARE
DELIBERATELY BOMBING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, THE PROXIMITY OF THE
CIVILIAN POPULATION TO MILITARY TARGETS HAS LED TO BOMBING OF
5 CIVILIANS.
4
3
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No.
a few states
fell off the
road, not
caused by
bombs but

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B. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE BOMBING IS HAVING AN IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY OF NORTH VIETNAM. SOME VIETNAMESE ARE BEGINNING TO FEAR THAT NORTH VIETNAM "WILL BE BLASTED BACK INTO THE STONE AGE." THE RICE HARVEST IS ONLY $4\frac{1}{2}$ MILLION TONS COMPARED TO THE USUAL $5\frac{1}{2}$ MILLION. CHINA WILL BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE UP THE DEFICIT.

C. HARRISON SALISBURY IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SHOULD NOT BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THERE WILL BE SOME EFFECT PROCEEDING FROM HIS VISIT, BECAUSE PRESIDENT JOHNSON WILL ACCEPT NO CRITICISM OF HIS CONDUCT OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM.

D. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE TRYING TO REMAIN ALOOF FROM THE CHINESE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, BUT THEY ARE WELL AWARE THAT 70 PER CENT OF THE AID THEY RECEIVE COMES FROM CHINA.

E. THE SOVIETS HAVE ONLY LIMITED INFLUENCE OVER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE.

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2. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCPAC ARPAC PACFLT

PACAF (ALSO SENT) [REDACTED]

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*estimate of
Our normal
harvest is 4½
million tons + that
in 1966 the
shortfall was
300,000 tons.*

*35% of
aid is from
China.*

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